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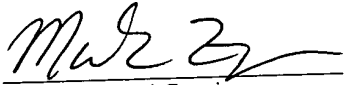
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1) U.S. Application Serial No. 09/540,730, entitled A SWITCHED NETWORK FOR LOW LATENCY COMMUNICATION, filed March 31, 2000, by inventor(s) Hans Eberle and Neil Wilhelm.

2) U.S. Application Serial No. 09/540,779, entitled A DATA NETWORK WITH INDEPENDENT TRANSMISSION CHANNELS, filed March 31, 2000, by inventor(s) Hans Eberle and Neil Wilhelm.

3) U.S. Application Serial No. 09/540,732, entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR A NON-BLOCKING BUFFER-LESS NETWORK, filed March 31, 2000, by inventor(s) Hans Eberle and Neil Wilhelm.



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